

## A horizontal row of 15 black diamond shapes, each rotated 45 degrees, used as a section separator.

..... **PERCEIVED HEALTH STATUS** .....

	<i>All Adults</i>		<i>18-54</i>		<i>55 +</i>	
	<u>%</u>	<u>(+/-)</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>(+/-)</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>(+/-)</u>
• Health in general is:						
Excellent or very good	59	2	65	2	44	4
Good	29	2	28	2	34	4
Fair or poor	12	1	8	1	21	3
• Number of days during the past 30 that your....						
...mental health was not good:						
0 days	60	2	55	3	73	3
1-5 days	23	2	27	2	15	3
6-30 days	15	2	18	2	10	2
...physical health was not good:						
0 days	61	2	62	2	59	4
1-5 days	22	2	26	2	14	3
6-30 days	16	2	12	2	26	3
...health kept you from doing your usual activities (persons with 1+ days poor mental/physical health):						
0 days	65	3	67	3	60	5
1-5 days	21	2	23	3	15	4
6-30 days	12	2	9	2	20	4

(+/-) = 95% confidence interval

..... **TOBACCO USE/OPINION** .....

	<i>All Adults</i>		<i>18-54</i>		<i>55 +</i>	
	<u>%</u>	<u>(+/-)</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>(+/-)</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>(+/-)</u>
<b>TOBACCO USE</b>						
• Current cigarette smoker	24	2	27	2	16	3
Percent of smokers who quit smoking 1 day or longer in past year *	56	5	60	5	Ss	Ss
• Former cigarette smoker	28	2	23	2	41	4
<b>TOBACCO OPINIONS</b>						
• Smoking in indoor work areas should be allowed:						
...without restrictions	1	<1	1	1	1	1
...only in designated areas	36	2	39	2	29	2
...not at all	61	2	59	2	67	4
• Smoking in restaurants should be allowed:						
...without restrictions	3	1	3	1	3	1
...only in designated areas	48	2	50	3	45	4
...not at all	47	2	46	3	50	4

## OTHER RISK FACTORS FOR CHRONIC DISEASE

• Overweight (BMI)**	33	2	30	2	38	4
• Ever had blood cholesterol checked	74	2	67	2	90	2
• Ever had cholesterol checked and told it was high	31	2	23	3	46	4
• Cholesterol not checked in past 5 years	29	2	36	2	11	2
• Health professional has ever diagnosed:						
High blood pressure	25	2	15	2	47	4
Diabetes	5	1	2	1	13	1

\* See Technical Notes

### \*\* Body Mass Index

Ss = Sample size too small (fewer than 100 cases)

..... FINDINGS FOR SELECTED YEARS .....

	1999		1998		1990	
	%	(+/-)	%	(+/-)	%	(+/-)
<b>Health Screenings</b>						
• In the past year had....						
...routine check-up	59	2	60	2	62	2
...cholesterol checked	43	2	43	2	46	3
...Pap smear (F)***	58	3	63	3	na	na
...clinical breast exam (F)	64	3	67	3	63	4
...mammogram (F 50+)	58	4	59	4	39	6
<b>Risk Behaviors</b>						
• Current cigarette smoker	24	2	23	2	25	2
<i>Males</i>	23	3	24	3	26	4
<i>Females</i>	24	2	23	2	23	4
• Overweight (BMI)**	33	2	34	2	23	2
<i>Males</i>	37	3	36	3	26	4
<i>Females</i>	29	3	31	3	21	3
• In the past month....						
...had 60 or more drinks	5	1	5	1	5	1
<i>Males</i>	9	2	8	2	9	2
<i>Females</i>	1	1	2	1	2	1
...had 5 or more drinks on one occasion	27	2	22	2	27	2
<i>Males</i>	40	3	31	3	40	4
<i>Females</i>	15	2	14	2	15	3
...drove after having too much to drink	5	1	5	1	6	1
<i>Males</i>	7	2	7	2	9	2
<i>Females</i>	3	1	3	1	3	1

na = Not asked

\*\*\* Excluding women who have had a hysterectomy

TECHNICAL NOTES

The Behavioral Risk Factor Survey is a representative, statewide telephone survey of Wisconsin household residents 18 years and older. Results are based on self-reports from respondents who are selected through a stratified random sample. Results are weighted to account for both nonresponse and sample design, and to adjust for the age-sex distribution of Wisconsin’s population. The survey was designed by the Bureau of Health Information in cooperation with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Survey sampling and interviewing were conducted by the Wisconsin Survey Research Laboratory, University of Wisconsin-Extension.

In 1999, 1,518 respondents were 18 to 54 years old, and 659 were 55 or older. There were 2,205 respondents in 1998 and 1,260 in 1990.

Columns labeled (+/-) indicate the 95% confidence interval associated with each estimate. For example, for all adults whose health is excellent or very good (59%), there is a 95% chance that the actual percentage falls within the range of plus or minus 2 percentage points (57%-61%).

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention provided the following definitions: **Current smokers** are those who smoke currently, either every day or only some days, and have smoked more than 100 cigarettes in their lifetime. The percentage of **smokers who quit for 1 day or longer in past year** is based on those who smoke every day (those who smoke only some days are excluded). **Overweight** is defined by the Body Mass Index (BMI), a calculation (weight in kilograms divided by height in meters squared) using self-reported height and weight. A BMI greater than 27.3 for females and 27.8 for males is considered overweight. A **drink** of alcohol is defined as one can or bottle of beer, one glass of wine, one can or bottle of wine cooler, one cocktail, or one shot of liquor. The prevalence of **diabetes** is likely to be an underestimate because a significant proportion of adults have never been tested.

Differences in estimates between years, age groups, or sexes may not be statistically significant. For additional information about the BRFS, call Karl Pearson at 608-266-1920. For other health data, visit our Web site at <http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/stats/index.htm>

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